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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 09/769,761, filed January 26, 2001, entitled PROCESS EMPLOYING MAGNESIUM HYDROXIDE IN PEROXIDE BLEACHING OF MECHANICAL PULP by inventor Mark T. Wajer, Aileen Gibson, Joseph Genco, Donna Johnson and Burton Branch.

1. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
2. Declaration to Overcome a Cited Publication signed by Mark Wajer & Aileen Gibson
3. Declaration to Overcome a Cited Publication signed by Joseph Genco
4. Exhibits A & B
5. Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the previous application.

CLAIMS AS FILED				
For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
Total Claims	48-20	28	x \$ 18 =	504.00
Independent Claims	3-3		x \$ 84 =	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FILED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CPA APPLICATION

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 14, 2001, the following is
hereby submitted:

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable
over CA '399 in view of Fossum et al or Lundgren et al and Gard.

Regarding CA '399, it has a publication date of January 21, 2000 ("Critical Date"). The
above-captioned patent application Serial No. 09/769,761 ("Application") claims priority from
Provisional Application No. 60/178,704, filed January 28, 2000 ("Provisional I") and Provisional
Application No. 60/207,205, filed May 26, 2000 ("Provisional II"). The inventions set forth in
both Provisional I and Provisional II have an effective date of invention prior to the Critical Date.

Enclosed herewith is the Declaration of Dr. Joseph M. Genco, a Professor of Chemical
Engineering the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of Maine ("UM"), located
in Orono, Maine. Dr. Genco is the Director of the Pulp and the Pulp and Paper Process
Development Center ("PDC") at UM.

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